

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 449 – HB 566

March 27, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires certain entities which regulate professions by establishment or adoption of a code of ethics, voluntary certification programs, or other measures to establish service quality standards of such professions, to promulgate rules specifying all provisions included in and relating to such guides to practice.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005309):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are as follows: (1) expand applicability to include all guides to practice which must be complied with in order to maintain a person's license, certification, or registration in order to practice a profession; (2) establishes that such promulgated rules supersede any existing guides to practice developed or approved by a private organization or association that conflict with or are otherwise not included in such rules; and (3) provides that "guides to practice" does not include tests or examinations, building codes, safety codes, or drug standards.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed language would require agencies which are subject to sunset review, pursuant to the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, to promulgate any codes of ethics or other measures to establish service quality of the profession they regulate as rules.

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- All entities which currently have adopted such guides to practice for professions regulated by the entity have currently promulgated such guides to practice as rules; therefore, the provisions of the bill will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state government.

## **IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed language is applicable to the governing boards of certain professions which currently have established rules; as a result, there will be no impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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